Dear Parents,

Hello once again from St. Peter’s school community. The Grade Six children have been working very hard in preparation for their reception of the sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday. Many thanks to the Grade Six parents as well, who have supported their children and a BIG THANK-YOU to the Grade Six teachers Mrs. Quinn-Dundon, Mrs. Ramsay, Mr Hudson, Mrs Loschiavo and Mr. Carney. A big thanks also to Mrs. Bonew, Miss Costello (Choir Leader) and the children who volunteered to sing in the choir.

We look forward to the Footy Day tomorrow and are hoping for some good weather. The children have been encouraged to wear their club’s footy colours which is always a highlight. We thank Miss Costello and Mrs. Stafford for organizing the day which is always great fun.

Warm Regards

Michael McGrath
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lord doesn’t always remove the sources of stress in our lives ... but He’s always there and cares for us. We can feel His arms around us on the darkest night.

- James Dobson

P.S. We tried out our new “Floor Mats” at assembly on Monday....THANK-YOU Parents and Friends, they are fantastic!

SCHOOL FEES

As mentioned in our newsletter dated 25th July in order to win the $1000 petrol voucher your School Fees need to be fully paid by the end of Term. Fr. Pius/Fr. Raphael will draw the winning family on Friday, 11th October.

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary on Saturday, 31st August at 1.00pm. Families are invited to attend the Mass and Afternoon Tea and to assist with catering, you are requested to return the tear off section of the flyer (sent home earlier) advising us of the number of persons attending.
REMININDERS
Friday 9 August       Footy Fun Day
Saturday 10 August    Confirmations @ 11.00am and 2.00pm
Tuesday 13 August     Fees are due
                       School Education Board meeting at 6.30pm
Wednesday 14 August   Book Fair - Discovery Centre (Wednesday 14 Aug to Friday 23 Aug)
Friday 16 August       2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
                       Father’s Day Raffle Tickets due
Tuesday 20 August      P&F Meeting 6:30am Staff Room (Admin Building)
Tuesday 27 August      Father’s Day Breakfast / Father’s Day Raffle Drawn
Wednesday 28 August   Fr. Elio Capra will speak on the Sacrament of Confirmation
                       at 7.00pm in St. Peter’s School theatre
                       Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 29 August     Father’s Day Stall
Friday 30 August       Tony Bones/Book Week Incursion
                       2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am
Saturday 31 August     40th Anniversary Celebration
Friday 6 September     Pupil Free Day (No School for children on this day)
Friday 13 September    2nd Hand Uniform ‘Shoppe’ opened from 8.15am - 9.30am

THIS WEEK’S WINNERS FOR ‘CO-OPERATION’

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BOOK WEEK 2013 - Aug 17th - Aug 23rd
Theme: Read across the universe
★ Book Snuggle/PJ Day...The children will be involved in a variety of activities as they rotate through classes to explore the 2013 CBCA (Children’s Book Council of Australia) short-listed books.
★ Please come and join your child/children’s classes in the afternoon, throughout Book Week, where we will be sharing and reading our favourite books. Your child’s teacher will advise the exact time that Book Snuggle will take place...

Tuesday, 20th August - Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4
Thursday, 22nd August - Grades Prep, 5 & 6

Please feel free to also wear your PJ’s (optional)...
★ Book Fair -Wednesday, 14th Aug – Friday, 23rd August
★ As part of our Book Week celebrations, the children will be attending performances by TONY BONES ENTERTAINMENT, on Friday, 30th August. These will be held in our school hall.

Grades 4, 5 & 6: 9am – 9.55am Performance will be based on Other Brother by Simon French.
Preps and Grades 1, 2 & 3: 10am – 10.55am Performance will be based on Herman and Rosie by Gus Gordon.

Please come along and join us...there will be no additional charges.
LIBRARY NEWS
The Book Fair will commence on Wednesday 14th August and finish on Friday 23rd August. Books can be purchased from 8.15 am to 4.00 pm approximately. There will be novels, non-fiction books, posters, picture books, erasers, sharpeners, pens and pencils and many more items available. A free bookmark will be given with each purchase. Most books will be priced under $10.00.
As we are having the Book Fair there will be no Book Club this term. Please feel free to come along to the Book Fair and see what interesting items we have on sale.

READING CHALLENGE
Just a reminder that all consent forms will have to be returned to me as soon as possible, if you still require one please come and see me.

SACRAMENTAL EVENING – CONFIRMATION
Sacraments are an invitation to discover life’s meaning, they offer us a new moment of grace and an appreciation of presence of our loving God and the presence of the Holy Spirit within us. The second in our series of Sacramental evenings with Fr. Elio Capra will be held on Wednesday, August 28th at 7.00pm. in St. Peter’s School theatre. The specific focus of this presentation will be on Confirmation. Fr. Elio Capra, who has taught units in Sacramental Theology at Australian Catholic University (ACU), has a wonderfully down to earth, real life approach to the teaching of the sacraments for adults. His presentations on Baptism and the Eucharist, earlier in the year were informative and entertaining and those who attended went away feeling enlivened and encouraged in their faith. This is an open invitation for all parishioners or other interested parties to come along and join us as Fr. Elio shares his wonderful insights and wisdom around the Sacrament of Confirmation.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
Father’s Day News
This term we will be holding our Father’s Day Stall (Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th August) and Raffle (sent home last week), and our ever popular Father’s Day Breakfast (Tuesday 27th August). The children always walk away excited about the purchases they’ve made for the special man in their lives at the stall and we enjoy helping them pick their gifts. So mark these dates on your calendar.

Father’s Day Breakfast
Enclosed in last week’s newsletter was your personal invitation for the special men in your children’s life to join us for our Father’s Day Breakfast. Please complete the details on the invitation and return to the classroom teacher by Friday 16th August. Entry to the Breakfast is by TICKET only and these will be sent home with your eldest child on Monday 19th August. So make sure you check their bags! We look forward to celebrating Father’s Day with you and your children.

2nd HAND UNIFORM “SHOPPE”
The 2nd Hand Uniform Shoppe will be open on Friday 16th and 30th August and 13th September from 8.15am till 9.30am. If you have any uniforms to sell, please send them along to the office. Uniforms must be clean and in good condition. Please attach an envelope to each item clearly marked thus:
When sold, you will be notified via a note to your child as to when the Monies can be collected. 20% commission is charged for this service.

JASON JOTTS 3A
JUMPER SIZE 8
$10.00
HOME PHONE NUMBER:
COMMUNITY NEWS
St. James Youth Ministry – is holding an Outreach Talent Arvo on Sunday, 11th August 2013 at St. James Community Hall from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Come for an afternoon of entertainment and help support cancer research. All proceeds raised from this event will go towards this cause. It is an afternoon of music, plays and dramas that various people throughout the Parish of St. James are presenting, not just the Youth.

Bellbridge Cricket Club - are currently seeking players for their U11 and U13 along with participants for MILO IN2 CRICKET. We will be holding our registration days on Friday September 13 2012 6-8pm and September 14 2012 10-12pm At Mossfiel Reserve Clubrooms, Heaths Rd, Hoppers Crossing.
For more information please contact Mark Croswell 0433 273 779.